

**CITY OF CASTROVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING  
1209 Fiorella  
City Council Chambers  
April 20, 2020  
Monday  
3:00 p.m.  
MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Mayor Santleben via telephone.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Councilmember Paul Carey

Councilmember Jesse Byars

Councilmember Todd Tschirhart

Leroy Vidales, Interim City Administrator/Finance Director

Debra Howe, City Secretary

Brian Jackson, Police Chief

Devin Fredrickson, Parks and Recreation Director

Others in attendance via telephone:

Mayor Phyllis Santleben

Councilmember Sheena Martinez

Mayor Pro Tem Herb Dyer

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Invocation**

Councilmember Paul Carey gave the invocation.

**V. Citizen Comments**

The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. Written questions or comments may be submitted up to two hours before the meeting. A recording of the telephonic meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance of the Texas Public Information Act upon request.

No one called in to speak.

**VI. Discussion and appropriate action on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Castroville amending Ordinance 2020-007 extending a declaration of local disaster; establishing rules and regulations for the duration of the disaster; restricting certain activities; establishing penalties for violations. (Mayor Phyllis Santleben)**

Mayor Santleben briefed the city council on this change to the declaration. Mayor Santleben felt for better protection against the COVID-19 virus the public and businesses that were open needed to wear mask when unable to meet the social distancing of six feet apart. Mayor Santleben said there were provisions for members of the community that for health reasons could not wear face coverings.

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Mayor Santleben had City Secretary Debra Howe read the caption of the ordinance and Exhibit B for the record. Councilmembers Martinez, Dyer and Carey all supported with no questions. Councilmember Byars asked who would be responsible for training the businesses/employees as stated in the exhibit. Police Chief Jackson stated he had handouts he would deliver on the proper ways to place and wear the facemasks and coverings. Chief Jackson said this would meet the required training. Councilmember Tschirhart asked about the ability of enforcement of the declaration. Chief Jackson said most of the citizens were already practicing the safety measures and there should not be an issue of enforcement. Councilmembers Byars and Tschirhart were satisfied with the ordinance and exhibit B.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Carey and duly seconded by Councilmember Byars to adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Castroville amending Ordinance 2020-007 extending a declaration of local disaster; establishing rules and regulations for the duration of the disaster; restricting certain activities; establishing penalties for violations. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.**

## **VII. Adjourn**

Mayor Santleben adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Phyllis Santleben  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Howe  
City Secretary

\*Signatures on file